



BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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In the claims:

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3. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1, in which the plunger means included fibre-engaging resilient means.

5. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1, further including a ferrule at the front end, the ferrule carrying an optical fibre as a stub having a distal end flush with the front face of the ferrule and a proximal end extending from the rear face of the ferrule and terminating in an alignment tube coaxial with the channel means of the internal core member.

7. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1, in which the plunger means comprises a compression head which is directly activatable to reduce the volume of the chamber and apply pressure to the adhesive therein.

8. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1, in which the plunger means is indirectly activatable and comprises a compression head within the housing and a co-operating activation member which extends from the housing and which is manually movable to cause the compression head reduce the chamber volume.

10. (Amended) A connector according to claim 1, in which the plunger means includes means cooperable with the housing to maintain the compression head in the inner position.